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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In most of the terminal markets prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next were generally trending unchanged to lower on the larger sizes, and about unchanged on mediums. The market tone was cautious and usually reported as barely steady on the heavier sizes, and steady on the lighter weights. Demand ranged fair to good with best movement centering around scattered retail features. Supplies of the larger eggs were reported in close balance to available, and mediums were adequate to instances barely adequate. On the West Coast, offerings were reported as ample. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for any additional product was usually light and limited. Offerings of light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged. Demand was irregular but fairly good where features were in progress. Supplies of brown eggs were clearing easily, however white eggs ranged from in balance to available. Undertone continued to be mixed. Breaking stock supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. Offerings of light fowl were fully adequate for next week's requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was reported in a full range but not aggressive. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. Undertone was mixed with traders cautious and watching further market developments.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin went down 2 cents on large, went up 2 cents on small, and were unchanged for medium compared to Tuesday's prices. Prices in Chicago declined 2 cents on large and were unchanged on the balance from Tuesday. All other prices were unchanged from Tuesday's reported prices. Trade sentiment was about steady. Both retail and food service demand was mostly fair. Supplies were available for the larger sizes and mostly adequate for medium and small. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged from Tuesday. Trading and demand was mostly light as many breakers assessed their needs. Most buyers not needing extra product. Floor stocks generally to occasionally fully adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate. Buyers taking a cautious attitude toward market to see where it settles. Supplies uneven, larger sizes adequate and lighter weight eggs adequate to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady on the larger sizes, generally steady on the balance. Demand was fair to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies of the larger sizes remained adequate to available. Mediums were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient; with demand for additional product light. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week in California 5 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small; in the Northwest 4 cents lower on the large sizes, unchanged on medium. Retailer demand fairly good, best to cover features. Offerings generally ample.

## PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	100-103	90-93	54-58
New York	66-68	63-66	45-48
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	43-45

### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	55-56	53.5-55	37-38
Jackson (1)	67-68	62-63	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-76	60-74	43-57

### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	52-57	51-56	39-44
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	35-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-57	51-55	36-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-63	53-60	39-46

### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	75-77	68-71	45-47
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	75-87	73-80	58-64
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	91	83	68

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(4) - Sales To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week 5 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Southern California: major-large dozen 99, 18 pack 99-139; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 98-109, extra large dozen 99, large dozen 79-99, buy 1 get 1 free, medium 20 pack 149.

## PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	115
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	68

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	102-112
EXTRA LARGE	75-87
LARGE	73-80
MEDIUM	58-64

## PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-205

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged with mostly prices 1 cent lower. Trading and demand was mostly light with many breakers relying on regularly committed product to cover needs. Floor stocks generally adequate to occasionally fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady with caution noted.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,  
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,  
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS,  
CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	18

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was light as most breakers reported fully adequate to ample offerings.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT,  
48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS,  
CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	30-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20

#### EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-Sep-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,140,020	26,636	10,655	5,776	2,525	3,666
PW	1,192,988	28,476	10,990	5,578	2,693	3,868
LY	1,111,415	24,508	11,138	5,844	2,731	3,333
% PW	-4	-6	-3	4	-6	-5
% LY	3	9	-4	-1	-8	10
1999	38,456,474	891,490	369,207	201,202	90,936	121,405
1998	36,898,529	835,060	371,374	197,722	92,027	119,191

#### AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
40.99	41.00	40.33

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 34.5 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk noted at 49.5 cents FOB. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 10 September, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	13	30-37	34.12	-.19
WHITES	13	31-33	32.69	.51
YOLKS	6	45-48	46.83	-.67

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS** Sugared yolks mostly price ranged from unchanged to slightly lower, balance of mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was slightly improved but still generally quiet and slow. Offerings were irregular. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 04, 1999 were 5 % more than last week, and 5 % less the same week last year. Shell egg supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular suppliers.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	44-48	46-47	50-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		51-70
WHITES	39-45	41-42	46-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-60	56-58	61-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	53-54	57-64
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS** Prices were unchanged on whole egg and slightly irregular for the balance of products. The trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and mostly steady to instances fully steady on yolk product. Trading and demand was fairly good with previously committed business absorbing most of the current production. Offerings were generally adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	45-49	46-47
WHITES	40-42	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-58	57-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-55	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/4 was 5% less than the previous week. Breaking stock ample. Frozen demand moderate for the adequate freezer stocks.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT  
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)  
LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	51-54
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on yolks, balance of mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair but unaggressive for the sufficient offerings. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending September 04, 1999 were 6 % less than last week, and 8 % less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.60-1.70	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65
YOLKS	1.38-1.65	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.40	MOSTLY 3.25-3.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 03 - SEP 09, 1999

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
82.25								59.50							
TOTAL LOADS								141.75							
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 1	39.25	38.13	40.25	42.00	—	—	18.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	3.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.75	29.25	6.50	GNR BR 1	—	92.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.00	1.00	GL W XL	40.00	—	—	—	—	44.40	2.50
GNR BR 1	—	86.00	78.00	66.50	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	38.43	41.00	—	—	—	41.62	6.25
GL W XL	—	—	48.00	48.29	40.83	40.00	8.00	GL W MD	28.38	32.00	—	—	—	32.00	11.00
GL W LG	—	42.50	45.50	47.60	38.13	—	9.00	GL W SM	—	18.00	—	—	—	—	.75
GL W MD	25.17	27.00	27.67	29.33	35.25	—	14.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	—	—	9.00
GL W SM	16.00	18.10	15.40	17.08	14.25	—	8.50	NRBS - 39	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.20	33.00	44.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	23.67	27.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	22.00	—	5.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal schedules. Undertone remains steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were too few to report. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were near capacity. Trade sentiment was only steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was slow with offerings fully adequate to ample for current processor needs. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked fairly heavy schedules for a holiday week. Offerings ample.

**LIVE HENS** Prices paid for Live Hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm

LIGHT HENS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	0-0 (1)	
Eastern	TFEWR (2)	
So. Central	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central	0-.5 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices ranged from unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Undertone was usually steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-25.5 MAJORITY	33-39.65 MAJORITY
33-34	
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-27 MAJORITY	33-39 MAJORITY
36-36.5	

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** 4-Sep-99  
PRELIMINARY**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,883	1,522	3,405
LAST WEEK	1,812	1,546	3,358
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,016	1,353	3,369
TO-DATE/1999	74,525	48,267	122,792
TO-DATE/1998	73,432	44,286	117,718

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	452	0	452
LAST WEEK	418	0	418
SAME WEEK YR AGO	573	0	573
TO-DATE/1999	16,773	181	16,954
TO-DATE/1998	19,110	266	19,376

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,335	1,522	3,857
LAST WEEK	2,230	1,546	3,776
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,589	1,353	3,942
TO-DATE/1999	91,298	48,448	139,746
TO-DATE/1998	92,542	44,552	137,094

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Sep-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.51	64.13	45.88
SOUTHERN	62.51	60.24	43.45
MIDWEST	55.29	54.00	39.64
WESTERN	83.45	77.79	62.17
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.67	66.35	50.19

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending August 28, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	328	138	9,214	9,648
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	384	415
Total	328	138	9,604	10,113

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending August 28, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	244	50	3,310	2,746
Frozen	9	8	251	152
Dried	0	0	166	235
Total	253	58	3,727	3,133

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending August 28, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	0	0	833	958
Extra Large	690	0	24,449	24,567
Large	4,272	3,200	87,450	72,947
Medium	510	263	33,852	39,226
Ungraded	27,006	5,040	395,300	176,163
Misc	750	0	5,358	6,133
Total	33,228	8,503	547,242	319,994

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	33-38	14-18

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-34	21-23	9-11

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	82-85	72-75	37-40	8-11

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-** SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 6-Sep-99	3,039	192,814	95,979
AM 1-Aug-99	3,203	195,480	94,776
CHG	-164	-2666	1203
PCT CHG	-5	-1	1

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	12	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.05 PCT
TURKS	591	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT
POP	965	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 04-Sep-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	31.8	31.0	3	7
BOSTON	5.7	5.4	6	-50
CHICAGO	52.4	54.3	-4	11
DETROIT	37.9	30.7	23	41
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	92.5	91.9	1	12
NEW ORLEANS	12.5	12.1	3	-20
NEW YORK	42.9	37.9	13	-9
ST. LOUIS	12.4	13.1	-5	3
SAN FRANCISCO	17.7	18.6	-5	-20
TOTAL	305.9	295.1	4	4
4 WK MVG AVG	289.5			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 04-Sep-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	238.3	3	6
E.N. CENTRAL	445.2	1	0
W.N. CENTRAL	228.2	0	-4
S. ATLANTIC	201.3	3	-4
S. CENTRAL	78.5	6	0
WEST	216.8	-4	2
TOTAL	1408.3	1	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG** SEPTEMBER 07, 1999.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>MOSTLY</b>	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	107-111	97-101	61-65	34-38
MOSTLY	109-110	99-100	63-64	36-37
RHODE ISLAND	110-114	100-104	64-68	37-41
MOSTLY	110	100	64	37
VERMONT	115-116	105-106	69-71	-
MOSTLY	115	105	69	-

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